

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-24 are objected to due to informalities in the abstract of the specification. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that the abstract is not limited to a separate sheet and exceeds 150 words in length. Amendments were made to the specification to correct the length of the abstract in the specification. The last 3 sentences of the abstract are removed from the abstract and appended to the summary of the invention. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

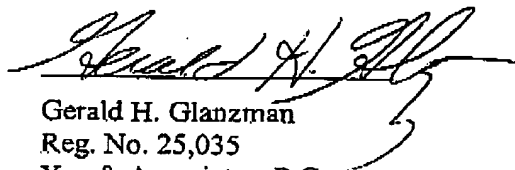
The Office Action states that the features of independent claims 1, 4, 12, 15, 23 and 24 are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Thus, claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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